

Local Affairs.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.—The teachers and scholars of the First Ward school met yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of presenting Dr. Knecht, their former trustee, with a gold-headed cane. The doctor had served for four years, discharging his duties faithfully, and winning the love and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He has lately entered into a business which requires all of his time, and has found it necessary to resign his office. This was sincerely regretted by every teacher and scholar in the ward, and so they resolved to manifest their esteem in so tangible a shape that even the cares of business should not drive from his memory the pleasant associations of the past. The presentation was made by Principal Roberts, accompanied with a noble, hearty address. Dr. Knecht, expressing his thanks for the great kindness shown him, and his sincere regrets at leaving that position, around which clustered so many pleasant memories. Other addresses were delivered by Mr. Anderson, Dr. Thompson, and Prof. Holyoke, all replete with feeling and sentiment. The exercises were interspersed with singing by the scholars, which added much to the interest of the occasion. On all sides there was good feeling. Many a young face was that bright, glad expression which springs from perfect and heart-felt sympathy between teacher and scholar.

THEATER.—The theater was a "Violet" the more we like it. It is most admirably constructed drama—a heart history, and eminently worthy the pen of Mr. Bourcicault. What pathos in the first act, tinged with humor—in the third what humor, tinged with pathos, pathetic, and tragic—what beautiful lights, rich and glowing—what delicate shades, just tinged with sadness! It possesses a whole mine of wealth, and finds such admirable presenters in Mr. Bourcicault and Miss Robertson. One can scarcely grow weary, were they to repeat the same pieces night after night. But we must part from them very soon—only two evenings more. To-night is for their farewell comedy, "Used Up," "Andy Blake," and "The Young Actress," a most excellent bill. Secure your seats.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.—Our obliging friend F. May, Esq., the energetic County Assessor, having completed his arduous labors in the Eastern District of the city, has permitted us to make an interesting recapitulation from his books. The following table exhibits the number of marriages, births, and deaths during the year 1884:

Marriages	209
Births	2,343
Deaths	327

It will be interesting to compare this result with the previous year, 1883, which was as follows:

Marriages	156
Births	2,023
Deaths	287

It will be seen that our friends of the Eastern District have prospered in the particular instance mentioned, beyond precedent during the past year—there being a gratifying excess in marriages and births, and a corresponding falling off in the number of deaths.

Two St. Louis mails were received at our Post-office about 12 o'clock Wednesday night, by which we received St. Louis papers of the same day. Postmaster Ronald dispatched a return mail yesterday, in charge of the special messenger from St. Louis, which would reach St. Louis the same day. This is by no means a permanent arrangement, as it is a private enterprise on the part of Mr. Armstrong, the Postmaster at St. Louis, indulged to satisfy himself and the Department that the route is available as a rapid means of transportation. We believe no more mails will be transported over the route until the local agents are notified by the Department at Washington that a permanent contract has been effected with the railroad companies.

Drunkness appears to be on the increase in our city, to judge from the wretched array of victims in the prisoners' dock in Police Court yesterday morning. The following persons were among those consigned to the work-house for a couple of months: John Darrington, John McBride, Sarah McBride, John O'Bryan, John Williams, John Kelly, J. W. Johnston, and Peter Thayer. Samuel Carol, for disorderly conduct at Nuremberg's, in Main, below Sixth street, on Wednesday, was held to bail in \$100 for his good behavior two months.

A meeting of the Democratic citizens of Jeffersonville was held in Zaff's Hall last evening for the nomination of candidates for city officers. The following nominations have already been made by the Republicans: Mayor, Lacey; Treasurer, Kellogg; Clerk, McCulloch; Marshall, Ross; Assessor, McDonald; Attorney, Huest; Councilmen: 1st Ward, Menzies and Heaton; 2d Ward, Ewing and Jacobs; 3d Ward, no nominations made; 5th Ward, Moon and Dolph.

THE MAGISTRATE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.—There seems to be a decided and growing tendency in the First District of the city, on the part of the citizens, to present a candidate for the office of Magistrate. Maj. John Downing has been mentioned in connection with the candidacy. The Major is a gentleman of liberal views and good judgment, and would make an excellent officer.

Charles Richardson, lately in the employ of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, confessed to the charge, yesterday, in Police Court, of drawing \$22.50 upon a forged draft on Jas. F. Gamble. He drew the funds to pay his board bill at the Louisville Hotel, hoping to be able to meet it ere it matured. Richardson was committed in default of \$500 bail.

BURNED TO DEATH.—An interesting little daughter of Mr. J. H. Bates, named Alice, not quite four years of age, died yesterday morning at her father's residence, corner of Floyd and Market streets, from the effects of burns occasioned by her clothes catching fire a few hours before.

PEACE WARRANT.—Martin Horn was before the Police Court yesterday morning on a peace warrant, sued out by Peter Riley. There was a great diversity of hard swearing done upon the examination, and the Judge, despairing of getting at the truth, dismissed the warrant.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Antoine Meyer, aged fifty-five years, was so injured by a fall down a steep staircase, on Wednesday night, in the residence in Marshall, between Jackson and Harbuck streets, that he died immediately.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Owen Gallagher, a barber, died suddenly, on Wednesday, at the corner of Fourteenth and Green streets, with congestion of the brain.

We are indebted to the Adams Express Company for late papers in advance of the mails.

PERSONAL.
—The Washington Union says that at the recent meeting of the Presbytery of Baltimore, the Rev. Dr. Gurley and the Rev. Mr. Huntington, ministers, and Hon. Judge Spence and Jas. P. Tusten, Esq., elders, were elected commissioners to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, to meet at Lexington, Ky., on the 21st day of May next.

Commodore Newton, Captain McIntosh, Commodore Stringham, and Commander Gillis, all of the Navy, were in Washington on the 21st. Purser Cunningham has been there to pay adieu to his many friends, and will sail in a few days from Norfolk for the coast of Africa.

Miss Olive Logan, a sister of the celebrated actress Eliza, was married in Boston, on the 17th, to Edward A. De Lisle, a wealthy merchant of New York. Miss Olive was a young actress of considerable promise.

The Washington correspondent of the Exeter (N. H.) News Letter says that Mr. Pierce has saved one-half of his salary during his Presidential term, and therefore retires worth \$50,000.

R. F. Harrison, Esq., one of the popular proprietors of Owens Hotel, has just returned from St. Louis. We are indebted to him for the latest newspaper data from that city.

Wm. T. Cogshall, Esq., who has been filling a vacancy in the same office, has been appointed Librarian for the State of Ohio for two years from this date.

Goldsmith is the author of the poetical expression, "Winter, lingering, chills the lap of May"—a phrase corrupted into "Winter lingers in the lap of spring."

Hon. Edward Everett will deliver a lecture in Indianapolis, on the 4th inst., for the benefit of the Mt. Vernon fund. His subject is "Washington."

Our pleasant young friend, J. E. Applegate, Esq., of Georgetown, Ky., has been in the city a few days, leaving this morning for Lexington.

G. M. Bright, Esq., the newly appointed Mail Agent, of this county, was in Lafayette, Ind., on Wednesday.

William Adams, the oldest citizen of Adams county, Miss., died last week. He was 102 years old.

Gen. A. S. Barnett is spoken of as a candidate for Mayor of New Albany.

Hon. Jesse D. Bright will leave Washington for Indiana in a few days.

Gen. Goicuria, of Cuban revolutionary fame, is in Washington.

Lieut. Robert Stuart, United States Navy, has resigned.

Hon. John Slidell arrived in Vicksburg on the 14th inst.

MARRIAGE OF A DECEASED BROTHER'S WIFE.—The Baltimore Presbyterian (O. S.) decided on Thursday last the case of Wm. Clapham, ruling elder of Mt. Park Church, charged on the charge of having violated the rules of the Presbyterian Church by marrying his deceased brother's wife. On the calling of the roll for judgment, the vote was taken and stood as follows: Guilty of incest, 6; guilty of offense against expediency, 19; not guilty, 20; guilty of a grave offense, 2.

Dr. Backus offered a minute as expressing the views of the Presbytery in regard to the whole case, after which a protest was offered by Dr. Gurley and others against the action of the Presbytery in the case.

We invite the attention of the readers of the Democrat to the card of Messrs. Evaris & Murton. This house has just received an immense stock of glass direct from France. It is the largest and most complete assortment ever brought to the Western country. They are their own importers, besides the advantage of having visited France, and made extensive arrangements with the largest manufacturers for their goods. They are now prepared to sell glass at New York prices, and the orders that they are receiving daily, from almost every Southern and Western State, attest the confidence placed in this house; also, the advantage in price over any other in this city.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM ON THE RIVER.—TEN FLATBOATS SUNK.—We make the following extract from the memorandum of the steamer Bayou, relating to the recent storm on the river below: "Met lay-flat sunk at James' Bayou, total loss, nine flatboats sunk loaded with hay, corn, flour, whisky, bacon, and coal. No lives were lost. In many places the banks were considerably washed from the waves. Five of the boats sunk belonged to Mr. Cox, of Aurora, Ind."

THE STEAMER NORTHERNER.—The popular Louisville and Memphis packet Northern arrived yesterday, crowded with passengers. This boat seems to grow in popularity each trip. Her officers, Captain Smith and J. B. Archer, Esq., the clerk, possibly have their peers on the river, but no superiors. This is the regular day for the departure of the Northern.

We learn that a charming and popular young lady of Spencer county, in this State, has recently added very materially to her charms by drawing a prize of \$12,500 in the Maryland State Lottery. This is the second streak of good fortune that she has had, having drawn a prize of a smaller denomination a short time ago.

WHARF-BOAT BURNED.—We learn that Burton's wharf-boat, at Vicksburg, was destroyed by fire on Friday last. The loss is not great, as the books and papers were saved, and the boat is an old one. A new and fine wharf-boat has just been finished at Paducah, and was designed to replace the one destroyed.

The custom of giving children opium, paragon, Godfrey's cordial, &c., is highly injurious. Dr. Seabrook, of New York, has introduced a medicine which is said to be a sure cure for all diseases to which children are subject. It is called Seabrook's Infant's Soothing Syrup. Price 25 cents.

A western editor, in speaking of a poet, says he begins to claim the usual privilege of talent. He has been drunk as often as four times within the past week.

A young man by the name of Jones was shot in an affray, at Clayville, Harrison county, recently, by William Burns. The wound is mortal.

THE BIBLE PANORAMA.—This beautiful work of art continues on exhibition nightly at Market Hall. As a work of art, it is admitted by artists and amateurs to have no superior as a panoramic exhibition in this country. The hall was crowded last evening with delighted admirers, and we hope the talented artist will be greeted with a similar testimonial of appreciation this evening.

Almost everybody thinks that he could edit a newspaper a little better than anybody else. Yet historians and essayists of high repute have made deplorable failures in this line of literature. They have proved unsuccessful even in writing "leaders," and that is by no means the great work of journalism.

The National Hotel was opened yesterday by Messrs. Erwin & Etley, on which occasion a splendid lunch was served in the tasteful saloon. The National, under the management of the new and popular proprietors, will take an immediate stand among our first-class hotels.

To be REOPENED.—We learn from the Indianapolis Journal that the Asylum for the Insane, recently closed for lack of appropriation by the Legislature, will soon be reopened—provided, the counties will appropriate \$60 per month for the support of each inmate.

The Mechanic Fire Company of this city have engaged the New Albany Silver Band to attend them on their contemplated excursion to Baltimore. Captain Plato, of this city, has a splendid band, but our New Albany friends make fine music with their silver instruments.

DAVID'S BENEFIT.—The benefit of Mr. David, the popular Treasurer of the Louisville Theater, will occur on Monday evening next. His friends are active in the sale of tickets, and he will doubtless have a bumper. He richly deserves it.

A man named John McBride was arrested yesterday afternoon for passing a worthless bill on the Bank of Ellington, Md., payable at Peru, Ills., on a merchant on the wharf. He will be examined this morning.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.—A convention was held in Covington yesterday to nominate a candidate to represent the Tenth Congressional District of Kentucky in the National Legislature.

Our old friend Hermann Felchelsch, in Market street, between Floyd and Preston, is selling out his fine stock of goods at cost, with the view of declining business.

Dr. Ezra Ferris, a Baptist preacher and member of the convention that framed the first constitution of Indiana, died at Lawrenceburg on Sunday, aged 84 years.

FANNY FERN.—The London Era says that Fanny Fern is "the coarsest woman who ever made money by describing bed-room life."

The Vincennes Gazette says there will be an abundant crop of peaches in that section of Indiana.

Our pleasant young friend, Abram Hirsch, was out with a talented serenading party last evening.

Thanks to W. A. Putnam, Esq., for Cincinnati papers of yesterday.

The river was falling last evening.

During MAIL ROBBERIES.—ARREST OF ONE OF THE PARTIES.—On Monday afternoon, a young man who has for some time past been engaged in carrying the mail between West Alexandria and Richmond, Indiana, was arrested while on the route by a postman named Alex. W. W. Lindsey, who requested permission to ride in the wagon for a short distance. The other consenting, he seated himself in the vehicle, but in a few minutes afterwards let fall, as if by accident, a pocket-book upon the road, which he requested the driver to alight and recover, as he professed to have injured his leg; but no sooner had the unconscious young man dismounted, than his companion seized the book and, without further ado, he fled. Lindsey, who was following him, was quickly raised, and he was ultimately arrested before he could get away. 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